

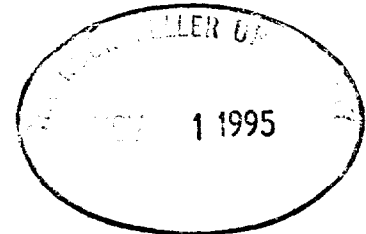


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Dear Professor Lederberg,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with the Global TB Programme of WHO during your recent visit to Geneva. Our team includes people from around the globe, and you noticed that those with a microbiological background are admirers of your seminal work. I am sure that it inspires our relatively youthful team to gain some insights and wisdom from distinguished senior statesmen of science, such as yourself. We hope you will take the opportunity to drop by for a chat whenever you are in Geneva.

You rightly pointed out that it takes a relatively long time for advances in understanding to percolate through the scientific community. Our own task is also difficult. We seek to translate scientific knowledge and useful technology into global action. Many useful tools lie on the shelf, while people die by the million for want of those tools. We, in the Global TB Programme, have set ourselves the goal of catalysing effective TB control globally and urgently, in response to the unnecessary burden of death and suffering from TB. The twin problems of evolving multiple-drug resistance and immuno-deficiency from HIV infection make our task all the more pressing.

Fortunately, many of the largest developing countries, where TB inflicts the greatest damage, are showing a favourable response to our efforts. We really can hope for a multi-party global coalition against TB, involving the people themselves, health systems, large development banks and other important actors. Although much is being accomplished, the road is long. Needless to say, the interest and goodwill of the global scientific community are invaluable to us.

Once again, thank you for the very interesting session we had.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Kochi', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr A. Kochi
Director
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PS. I am asking our staff to send you one or two booklets which we use to mobilise public action against TB.